

Matthew 7:21-29

Application Questions

1. In verses 21-23, Jesus talks about many who will say “Lord, Lord” on the Day of Judgment but who will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Why won’t they? They did works in the name of Christ, but what is their essential problem (v. 23)? How does knowing Christ keep us from lawlessness and ensure our salvation?
2. Read 1 John 2:3-6. How does keeping Christ’s commandments prove that we know Him? Does this mean that we never sin? (See 1 John 1:8-10). How would you explain to a new believer the necessity of keeping the Lord’s commandments even though we know we fall short? What does 1 John 2:1 add to your understanding of this?
3. What does Jesus say to the false professors in verse 23? How can we ensure that we know Jesus and He knows us?
4. In verses 24-27, Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount with the parable of the two builders. What is the rock on which the wise builder builds? As you look over your life what foundations have you built upon? What have been the outcomes? How can you strengthen your foundation?
5. Take a few minutes to glance back over the entire Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). What most strikes you about this? How would the Lord have you be a wise builder and put into practice His words? (Hint: think of one or two things that you believe He is speaking to your about.) What insight does Philippians 2:12-13 give you?